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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 15, FRANCE, French bark, 499, Ex-melie, Kobe 1st February, General-GANSTEIN & Co.

February 16, HONGKONG, German 3-m.sch., 219, Carl von Unruh 2nd February.

Tenior-Antoine, Klaire & Co.

February 16, TUNA, British gun-vessel; Commander A. F. St. Clair, Singapore 16th January, Labuan 25th, Sandakan 1st February, and Manila 11th.

February 16, BEIRUT, British steamer, 1,716, L. Meyer, San Francisco 17th January, and Yokohama 10th February, General-O. O. S. S. Co.

February 16, CASTELLO, British str., 1,482, Anderson, London 26th December, and Singapore 10th February, General-Captain.

February 16, HAINAN, American str., 281, J. W. Connor, Pichau 12th February, and Hoo-kow, 12th, General-RUSSELL & Co.

February 16, SWAN, British bark, 320, J. Skell, Bangal 14th January, General-Eid, Scheihans & Co.

CLEARANCES

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, FEBRUARY 16TH.

Ulysses, British steamer, for Singapore and London.

Alday, British steamer, for Swatow, & Cheung Kee Kien, British str., for Swatow.

Amyon, British steamer, for Shanghai.

Alice Reed, American bark, for New York.

Loo-jan, Chinese steamer, for Swatow, &c.

DEPARTURES.

February 15, Foochow, British steamer, for Swatow.

February 16, GLANDINGARO, British bark, for Aktau.

February 16, LEON DUKE, British double-screw iron frigate, for a cruise.

February 16, LU-YUEN, Chinese str., for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Cielo, str., from Singapore, &c.—10 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Lo-ki-qua, str., for Swatow.—15 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Ulysses, str., for Singapore, &c.—4 Europeans and 76 Chinese.

Per Cheung Kee Kien, str., for Swatow.—200 Chinese.

Per Maylay, str., for Swatow.—1 European and 30 Chinese.

Per Alice Reed, str., for Shanghai—3 Europeans and 10 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British gunboat *Phoebe* reports left Singapo- 16th February, Dacca on the 24th, San- 16th, and left again at 4:15 a.m. on the 14th. Anchored off Macao at 8:00 on the 15th, and had strong N. and E. winds to port.

The American steamer *Houston* reports left Pakhoi on 12th February at 6 p.m., and arrived in Hoo-kow at 8:15 p.m. on the 13th, and left again at 4:15 a.m. on the 14th. Anchored off Macao at 8:00 on the 15th, and had strong N. and E. winds to port.

The British steamer *Castello* reports left London on 20th December and arrived at Pakhoi on 1st January, Dacca on the 24th, San- 16th, and left again at 4:15 a.m. on the 14th. Anchored off Macao at 8:00 on the 15th, and had strong N. and E. winds to port.

The British steamer *Castello* reports left San Francisco on 17th January at 1:40 p.m. Experienced fair weather to Moradabad; from thence to Yokohama—gales are contrary winds, and Arrived at 10:30 a.m. on the 18th. Anchored off Macao at 8:00 on the 19th, and had strong N. and E. winds to port.

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BANKS.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

CAPITAL £500,000.
RESERVE FUND £150,000.

BALANCE OF ENGLAND,
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE BANK OF IRELAND.

THE BANK OF MEXICO.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

THE BANK OF HONGKONG.

THE BANK OF SINGAPORE.

THE BANK OF MACAO.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 15th February,
OPITUM.
Of New Taiwa sales at \$3523, and New Be-
names quoted at \$5823. New Mala placed at
\$740, with allowance of over three catties.
EXCHANGE.—

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand..... 3/9
Bank Bills at 30 days' sight..... 3/9
Bank Bills at 6 months' sight..... 3/9
Credits at 4 months' sight..... 3/10
Double Bills, 4 months' sight..... 3/10
Bank Bills, on demand..... 3/10
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, on demand..... 2/5
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, on demand..... 2/5
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight..... 7/3
Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/3
SHILLINGS.—
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—60 per
cent premium, nominal.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,425 per
share.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—
\$1,450 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,200 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 755 per
share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$215
per share.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 138.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's
Shares—10 per cent premium.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s
Shares—22 per cent share premium.
Shangha Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 10
per share.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls.
10 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$75 per
share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$65 per
share, ex dividend.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$60
per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

From Messrs. FALCONER & CO's Register,
February 15th.
Bremerton—P.M. 50° 100
Bremerton—P.M. 50° 62
Bremerton—A.M. 50° 00
Portsmouth—P.M. 50° 00
Portsmouth—A.M. 50° 00
Portsmouth—Midnight 50° 00

FOR SALE.

E. CHASTEL & CO., WINE MERCHANTS,
MARINE HOUSE, 11, QUEEN'S ROAD,
have for Sale:

Quarts. Pints.
VIEUX MEDOC..... \$3.50 \$4.25
ST. EMILION..... \$4.50 \$5.25
LAGASSE..... \$4.50 \$5.25
ST. JULIEN..... \$5.00 \$5.75
ST. ESTEPHE..... \$5.00 \$5.75
ST. JUILLAN, ROBERT & CO. \$5.00 \$7.00
ST. ESTEPHE CLARET, from \$5 to \$21 per
Dozen, in Cases of 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 96, 120, 144, 168, 180, 216, 240, 272, 300, 336, 360, 396, 424, 456, 480, 512, 544, 576, 608, 640, 672, 704, 736, 768, 800, 832, 864, 896, 928, 960, 992, 1024, 1056, 1088, 1120, 1152, 1184, 1216, 1248, 1280, 1312, 1344, 1376, 1408, 1440, 1472, 1504, 1536, 1568, 1600, 1632, 1664, 1696, 1728, 1760, 1792, 1824, 1856, 1888, 1920, 1952, 1984, 2016, 2048, 2080, 2112, 2144, 2176, 2208, 2240, 2272, 2304, 2336, 2368, 2400, 2432, 2464, 2496, 2528, 2560, 2592, 2624, 2656, 2688, 2720, 2752, 2784, 2816, 2848, 2880, 2912, 2944, 2976, 3008, 3040, 3072, 3104, 3136, 3168, 3200, 3232, 3264, 3296, 3328, 3360, 3392, 3424, 3456, 3488, 3520, 3552, 3584, 3616, 3648, 3680, 3712, 3744, 3776, 3808, 3840, 3872, 3904, 3936, 3968, 3900, 3932, 3964, 3996, 4028, 4060, 4092, 4124, 4156, 4188, 4220, 4252, 4284, 4316, 4348, 4380, 4412, 4444, 4476, 4508, 4540, 4572, 4604, 4636, 4668, 4700, 4732, 4764, 4796, 4828, 4860, 4892, 4924, 4956, 4988, 5020, 5052, 5084, 5116, 5148, 5180, 5212, 5244, 5276, 5308, 5340, 5372, 5404, 5436, 5468, 5500, 5532, 5564, 5596, 5628, 5660, 5692, 5724, 5756, 5788, 5820, 5852, 5884, 5916, 5948, 5980, 6012, 6044, 6076, 6108, 6140, 6172, 6204, 6236, 6268, 6300, 6332, 6364, 6396, 6428, 6460, 6492, 6524, 6556, 6588, 6620, 6652, 6684, 6716, 6748, 6780, 6812, 6844, 6876, 6908, 6940, 6972, 6904, 6936, 6968, 6900, 6932, 6964, 6996, 7028, 7060, 7092, 7124, 7156, 7188, 7220, 7252, 7284, 7316, 7348, 7380, 7412, 7444, 7476, 7508, 7540, 7572, 7604, 7636, 7668, 7700, 7732, 7764, 7796, 7828, 7860, 7892, 7924, 7956, 7988, 8020, 8052, 8084, 8116, 8148, 8180, 8212, 8244, 8276, 8308, 8340, 8372, 8404, 8436, 8468, 8500, 8532, 8564, 8596, 8628, 8660, 8692, 8724, 8756, 8788, 8820, 8852, 8884, 8916, 8948, 8980, 9012, 9044, 9076, 9108, 9140, 9172, 9204, 9236, 9268, 9300, 9332, 9364, 9396, 9428, 9460, 9492, 9524, 9556, 9588, 9620, 9652, 9684, 9716, 9748, 9780, 9812, 9844, 9876, 9908, 9940, 9972, 9904, 9936, 9968, 9900, 9932, 9964, 9996, 10028, 10060, 10092, 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EXTRACTS.

PRINCE REUSS-KOSTRITZ
HEINRICH XX.

WHY NOT SELL THE BEARSKIN?
The story of the Bearskin, &c., is incomparably
told by a diversus nuncius fabulus.
And since becomes a proverb, "No vixen passes
Le port de l'Orne," we hear French people say,
"I'll give you, as restored by modern criticism."

It was a man of Neas in green Arcadia,
Who swore by knew the way to get this notice,
And merely by consular policy,
When others by their bluster made a wall of it.
For this were provided him—Five Trojan drinking
cups.

Five linen shirts from Egypt, woodman's axes three,
Twelve jars of wine from Lebes, and ten handmades
Brought by Sidonians from the Cassiterides—

Young, pretty, plump, awkward, and ingenuous.
Moreover, he's free quarters with his customers—

While waiting the most favourable auspices—
Three months and more; and stale following all day,

As bravely as the author of Penelope—

Great was the boast, and grand the task of catching his
Bad Father John, his tender heart still harbouring

Calico's sleep, though beaten with tenderness.

He sought a narrow silent on the adventure,
For which the leashes order immobility,
And wine of Leches, with a sprig of bearskin ash,
With music, and with song and diceful company.

It had, who was a worthy, liberal gentleman;
Spared neither expense nor cost for his recovery,
And strove to comfort him, and went to wait on him
The youngest and the gentlest Cassiterides.

But time flewed on, the wrath of Jove abated not;

And over this true gentilman's liberality

Seem'd likely to be found in time absolved.

Wherefore at last this godlike hunter sent for him,

And after sighing, thus began:—"This enterprise,

Oh worthy friend, all-seeing Jove allows me not

With my own hands to compass. Let me instantly,

Therefore, resign your generous hospitality,

And seek a change of air, and only take with me—

My kind attendant, and a little wine overdy;

And for the rest you promised, after cancelling

The pair you sold on my account of miscalculation—

For these, that is to say, Five Trojan drinking-cups.

Five linen shirts from Egypt, woodman's axes three,

Twelve jars of wine from Lebes, and ten handmades

A friend of mine will undertake this enterprise.

He paused, and said; but loudly soliloquized.

Nor did not pity move the Arcadian woodman,

But winged winds, like frightened geese, escaped from

him—

"Don't go for a month; have all I promised you;

And write to your deserving neighbour instantly;

And make no deductions and no cancellings;

So may the good be never more discordant;

When enterprises of great skill and moment are

Defeated by the immortal's out of jealousy!

But be convinced, we are no sermons in Arcady."

—Paul Mell Gassett.

According to Empereur, the modern Scylla Islands.

C. B. C.

THE BOERS AND THEIR FARMS.

It is not to be imagined that these farms

of the Boers are in any way comparable to

what we understand in the ordinary application

of the term. They are simply huge

tracts of country, containing 6,000 acres or

more, with nothing but a small beacon of pile-

up stones at certain points to mark the line of boundary. In proportion to the amount

of land held by each proprietor there is a

very small piece under cultivation—as the

most ten or twenty acres, and, in the majority

of cases, two or three, or none at all. The

original method of measuring off those

"runs" was somewhat primitive. Starting

from the last-made beacon, a Boer would

ride in a straight line for half an hour as

fast as his horse could carry him, then halt,

erect a beacon; and again ride away for half

an hour, in a direction at right angles to his

first ride, and erect another. The rectangle

made by these two lines of rods would

contain his farm, so that by this method the

Boer who had the fleetest horse obtained the

largest tract of land. Within the last few

years science, however, has been brought to

bear on the subject, and farms are now

measured by the theodolite. The introduction

of this instrument has caused a great

many disputes, farms, the boundaries of which

were believed to be perfectly defined,

were discovered to overlap one another to a

serious extent, and as this is the case all

through the country, the land-surveyors are

having a pretty good time of it.—A Trip to

Boerland," by Dr. Atchley.

HENRY LABOUCHERE.

The following sketch of Mr. Henry La-

bouchere, the proprietor and editor of Truth,

is taken from the Madras Times, and it may

be interesting to our readers as an account

of one of the celebrities of the day, and one

of the originators of a new phase of journal-

ism which has proved very profitable and is

likely to leave its mark in the history of lite-

rature during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Mr. Labouchere is half-English, half-

French, and is the best known in both

countries. In his younger days he was an

unpaid attaché at the Court of Rome. While

holding that position, Lord John Russell (then

Foreign Secretary) ordered him to proceed at

once to the Court of St. Petersburg. Young

Labouchere replied that, as unpaid attaché

had nothing allowed them for travelling ex-

penses, he should set off and walk, and might

be expected to arrive at his destination in

about six weeks. It is needless to add that he

was at once recalled, and has never since

been offered a position in the diplomatic service.

After the he was elected member for Middlesex, and was always listened to in

the House on account of his epigrammatic

humour, the boldness of his views, and the

tremor of expression in enunciating them.

During the Franco-Prussian war he resided

in Paris, and sent by balloon a series

of letters which have since become famous as

the "Diary of a Besieged Resident." The

eccentric Labby (as he is familiarly called)

was subsequently a candidate for the repre-

sentation of Southwark. At this time he was corespondent of the divorce suit of

"Pigeon" Pigeon, and at one of the elec-

tions the elephant's extreme intellectual abil-

ity, and how many examples are adduced

by him to prove this quality to the confusion

of the sceptic. Surely Pope must have peeped

into a few of these before he wrote in his

famous essay—the lines which placed the

elephant in the highest grade of the panoply

of mental capacity of brutes, and the "half-

mentality" of brutes, and the "half-